

REMARKS

The Examiner's continued attention to the application is noted with appreciation, as is the indication of allowable subject matter and the Advisory Action concerning claims 21 and 22 as would have been amended by the prior (unentered) Office Action response.

The Examiner rejected claim 13 as indefinite due to an error in dependency, which has been rectified by amendment, above.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-5, 8, 9, 11, 13-15, 18, 19, 21, and 22 on prior art grounds. Independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of canceled claims 10 and 20, respectively, thus rendering claims 1, 3-9, 11, and 13-19 allowable. Claims 21 and 22 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claims 6 and 16 (including claims 1 and 11, respectively), respectively, thus rendering claims 21 and 22 also allowable.

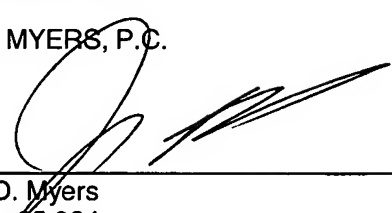
New claims 25 and 26 are added, depending from claims 21 and 22, respectively, and including the subject matter of allowable claims 7 and 17, respectively.

An earnest attempt has been made to respond to each and every ground of rejection advanced by the Examiner, without introduction of new matter or raising new issues. However, should the Examiner have any queries, suggestions or comments relating to a speedy disposition of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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